

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5599

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5599 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act
5 is amended by adding Section 65.70 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.70 new)

7 Sec. 65.70. Career criminal justice attorney education
8 expenses repayment.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Eligible attorney" means an attorney who is employed
11 full-time as an assistant State's attorney, assistant public
12 defender, assistant appellate defender, assistant appellate
13 prosecutor, or assistant attorney general whose application
14 under subsection (b) of this Section has been accepted and
15 authorized by the Commission to receive assistance in the
16 repayment of his or her student education expenses.

17 "Student education expenses" means the cumulative total
18 of the eligible attorney's outstanding student loans covering
19 the cost of attendance at any law school at which the
20 attorney completed course work required to obtain his or her
21 law degree.

22 (b) An eligible attorney may apply to the Commission on

1 forms furnished by the Commission for an annual stipend to
2 repay his or her student education expenses.

3 To be accepted for a stipend, an eligible attorney must
4 meet the following qualifications:

5 (1) the attorney is currently licensed to practice
6 law in the State of Illinois;

7 (2) the attorney signs a statement agreeing to
8 remain in his or her present employment for at least one
9 year after receiving the stipend; and

10 (3) the attorney attaches verification of his or
11 her outstanding student loans.

12 An eligible attorney must apply each year for a stipend
13 for student education expenses repayment.

14 The amount of the annual stipend is \$3,500 or the
15 outstanding balance of the eligible attorney's student loans,
16 whichever is less, and may be received by an eligible
17 attorney for 5 years. In addition, an eligible attorney who
18 has received 5 annual stipends may receive an additional 7
19 annual stipends in the amount of \$5,000 per year or the
20 outstanding balance of his or her student loans, whichever is
21 less.

22 The amount of the annual stipend shall be adjusted for
23 inflation each July 1 using the Consumer Price Index of the
24 Bureau of Labor Standards of the U.S. Department of Labor.

25 If an eligible attorney receives a stipend and resigns
26 his or her position, the eligible attorney must repay to the
27 State 1/12th of the amount of the annual stipend for each
28 month left in the stipend year that he or she was not an
29 eligible attorney.

30 (c) The General Assembly shall make appropriations to
31 the Commission for annual stipends under this Section.

32 (d) The Commission must adopt rules for the
33 implementation of this Section.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
2 July 1, 2003."